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SIR,

IN Obedience to your Command, you are here presented with a *Journal* of our Voyage from Spithead to Mahon, interspersed, according to your Desire, with *cursor* Remarks.

But before I proceed in this *Attempt*, I would beg *Leave* to lay before you my *impartial Thoughts*, upon the *past* and *present State* of our *Affairs*.

Permit me, then, upon a *strict Enquiry* into our *past Conduct*, to assure you, That I am *intirely convinced*, that, as it is the *real Interest*, so it has been the *constant Care* of the *present ESTABLISHMENT*, to free Us from the *Evils* that have pressed us at *Home*, and to put an End to the *Grievances* that affected Us *Abroad*. I shall not here enter into a *Detail of Particulars*, but only in *General remark*, That, as we are a *trading Nation*, our *publick Negotiations*, and our *private Transactions*, appear to have been *worthy* of a **GREAT PRINCE**, and a **GOOD MINISTER**, by our *so long Enjoyment* of a *beneficial Peace*. For, that a **KING**, bred up in *sundry Camps*, exposed in *confederate Armies*, and *successful* in *heroick Actions*, has rather been the *civil Guardian*, than the *military Leader* of his *People*, must be owing to his *fatherly Concern* for the *national Advantage*; as sacrificing his *Love of Fame* to the *Welfare* of his *Subjects*: And, that a **MINISTER**, studious to preserve our *Wealth*, cautious to avoid *Expences*, and willing to save *Blood-Shed*, hath, under his **MAJESTY**, with his *Consent*, and by his *Approval*, maintained the *general Tranquillity*, must be the *Consciousness* of his *upright Management*; it being common for *guilty Ministers* to involve *States* and *Kingdoms* in a *War*, thereby to divert the *Publick* from a *due Examination* of their *illegal Proceedings*.

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Time, with Thirteen Guns each; which Salutes We returned with Seventeen. About an Hour afterwards, We anchored in the Road of St. Hellen's, where were the *Somerset*, *Edinburgh*, and *Jersey*; and the Flag, by Order, being struck, was hoisted on Board the *Somerset*.

The next Morning the ADMIRAL went on Board the *Somerset*, and at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, the Signal being made to weigh, We came to sail, about an Hour afterwards, in Company with the *Somerset*, *Lancaster*, *Edinburgh*, *Ipswich*, *Berwick*, *Jersey*, *Plymouth*, *Canterbury*, *Sole-Bay Fire-Ship*, and *Rich-Charlot Tender*.

The Day following the *Articles of War* were read to the *Ship's Company*; whereupon our CAPTAIN, who is a fine GENTLEMAN, and a good OFFICER, made an excellent Speech to Them; acquainting Them with the Motives to, and the Intent of, the *Expedition*; at the same Time recommending to Them true Courage, and describing to Them its due Application, in Case of an Engagement; at the Conclusion whereof, such a general Spirit of intrepid Bravery, and such a particular Sense of its proper Use, was expressed by Them, as evidently demonstrated a hearty Desire, and sincere Design on their Parts, to contribute their utmost Endeavours, towards the having Right done to the Nation: And I may venture to answer for Them, (nay, and according to a common Report, for their Brethren in the present SQUADRON,) that their Actions will not contradict their Words, if the Spaniards are determined to make the *Experiment*.

As I am obliged to take Notice, only, of Matters within my Observation, it is sufficient in General to remark, That there being but little Wind, and hazy Weather, We did not take our Departure from the *Lizard*, till the Twenty Seventh of the same Instant, in the Evening; and having had some Calms in our Passage, did not arrive in the Bay of GIBRALTAR, till the Tenth of last June; wherein We came to an Anchor about Eight o'Clock at Night. At our going into the Bay, the Fort did not, as usual, salute the ADMIRAL; occasioned by a Mistake in the Officer of the Guard; and not any Neglect of Command from the GOVERNOR; whose eminent Services in the Defence of GREAT BRITAIN, and the Safety of the PROTESTANT SUCCESSION, cannot but free Him from any Imputation of that Nature; especially, to so known a Friend to our HAPPY ESTABLISHMENT, and so true a Lover of our ENVIED CONSTITUTION, as our ADMIRAL, upon many Occasions, has signalized Himself to be.

The Day following, being the ANNIVERSARY of his MAJESTY's ACCESSION to the THRONE, the Fort, at Twelve o'Clock, fired One and Twenty Guns; and at One o'Clock, the ADMIRAL spread all his Colours, and fired the same Number of Guns; every Ship in the Squadron firing, at the same Time, Nineteen Guns each. In the Evening, the ADMIRAL went on Shore; and the Fort, upon his landing, saluted him with Fifteen Guns. All the Ships manned, as usual, at his Going and Return.

I had the Curiosity, with Leave from my CAPTAIN, to go the Day following, and view GIBRALTAR; towards the Security whereof, both Nature and Art seem so far to have contributed, as to render the taking thereof, whilst We have a Superiority by Sea, humanly speaking, impossible. And as this Place, which is our Honour and Strength Abroad, by reason of the Advantage and Defence to our Trade and Navigation, was won by our Arms in lawful War; ascertained to Us as our Property, by all the Parties concerned in it; and secured to Us as our Right, by the present King of Spain Himself, in the Treaty of Utrecht, One Thousand, Seven Hundred, and Thirteen; and in That of Seville, One Thousand, Seven Hundred, and Twenty Nine; and as the Nation universally agree, that no Sum of Money, nor any foreign Place can be equivalent to it; if Spain should again endeavour to wrest it out of our Hands, in Violation of the Solemnity and Trust in Treaties; or if any Designs should be formed, or any Proposals made, whereby it may be basely yielded up, or artfully betrayed into the Power of the Spaniards; no One among Us can be wanting in Duty and Interest to frustrate the Attempt and Device. For were it once gone out of our Possession, We should have still less Hopes of seeing Treaties observed; or of being more and more injured in our foreign Trade and Navigation.

As We lay in the Bay till the Fifteenth Instant, We received the joyful News of the safe Delivery of HER ROYAL HIGHNESS, the PRINCESS of WALES, of a SON, GEORGE DUKE of CORNWALL. At Nine o'Clock in the Morning, the Signal being made to weigh, We came to sail in Company with the Rest of the Fleet, an Hour afterwards, the Garrison saluting, and the ADMIRAL answering with Fifteen Cisme anch

The next Day about Ten o'Clock in the Morning, We drew a-Breast, upon the ADMIRAL's Signal, according to the following Line of Battle, dated on Board our Ship, at Spithead, the Twenty First of last May, viz.

The Lancaster to lead with the Starboard, and the Edinburgh with the Larboard Tacks, on Board.

| Rates | Ships | Captains | Men | Guns |
|---------------------|------------|----------|-----|--------------------|
| 3 | Lancaster | Cayley | 600 | 80 |
| 4 | Canterbury | Cotterel | 400 | 60 |
| 4 | Jersey | Yeo | 400 | 60 |
| Albore' Fire-Ship | Ipswich | Martin | 480 | 70 |
| Sole-Bay Fire-Ship | Somerset | Barnsley | 615 | 80 NICHOLAS HAD- |
| Rich-Charlot Tender | Berwick | Solgard | 480 | 70 DOCK, Esq; Rear |
| 4 | Plymouth | Townsend | 400 | 60 ADMIRAL of the |
| 4 | Dragon | Barnett | 400 | 60 Red, &c. |
| 3 | Edinburgh | Geddes | 480 | 70 |

In this sham Action, our CAPTAIN took singular Pains to instruct the Seamen in the right Management of a real Fight; by which Means, that

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true English Spirit, appearing so prevalent upon this present Occasion, will have its proper Use, and due Effect, in Case of a War.

At half an Hour past Four o'Clock of the next Morning, the ADMIRAL made a Signal to speak with our CAPTAIN; and having spoke with Him, ordered Him, as having the best sailing Ship in the SQUADRON, to look into Cartagena. About Noon, Cartagena bearing N.B.E. Five or Six Miles, We saw Four Men of War in that Bay; which by the Report of a Spanish Boat that We lay too, and spoke with, about half an Hour afterwards, were One of Seventy, Two of Sixty, and One of Thirty-Six Guns; but wanted, and waited there for, their Complement of Men. By the Intelligence We had from several Vessels in our Passage, these Ships must have come lately from Cadiz, and have an Admiral with Them.

Nothing more remarkable happening in the Course of our Voyage, it may suffice to inform you, That on the Twenty Sixth of the same Instant, about Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, We anchored in the Harbour of MAHON; (the Advantage whereof to our Fleets and Ships, when in the Mediterranean, We have sufficiently experienced, and shall do more, should the happy Peace We have so long enjoyed, be now turned into a War with France and Spain;) having, at our going in, been saluted by the Fort of St. Phillips with Seventeen Guns; and by the Gloucester with Fifteen; the former of which Salutes, the ADMIRAL returned with the same Number of Guns; and the latter with Thirteen.

Thus, Sir, I have finished the Task you were pleased to require of Me; and have taken the Liberty to throw You some political Reflexions into the Bargain. I shall conclude with the hope, that the Nation will universally and chearfully concur, effectually to provide for all such Expences as may arise, and all such Engagements as may be made, to obtain the great and good Ends, for which We are now fitted out.

I am, SIR,

Yours, &c.

From on Board his MAJESTY's Ship,
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GEORGE LUMLEY.

